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SUBJECT: ELECTIONS IN NAKHON SI THAMMARAT

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BANGKOK FROM SONGKHLA JANUARY 24, 1975
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SUBJ: ELECTIONS IN NAKORN SRI THAMMARAT

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1. NST PROVINCE HAS EIGHT SEATS IN ELECTIONS JANUARY 26, AND
THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE SOMEWHAT AFFECTED BY RECENT SEVERE FLOODING
AND RIOTS IN PROVINCIAL CAPITAL WHICH FORCED TRANSFER OF GOVERNOR
(REFTEL). MOST FEEDBACK, HOWEVER, INDICATES THAT OUTCOME WILL
NOT BE CHANGED MUCH FROM THAT PREDICTED IN EARLIER REPORTS.

2. VOTER TURNOUT LIKELY TO BE 50 PERCENT. DEMOCRATS AND
NEW FRONT PARTIES STILL LOOKED ON AS MOST RESPECTABLE, WITH DEMS
LIKELY GET 5-6 OF 8 SEATS. RECENT RIOTS WERE NOT USED BY
CANDIDATES AS ISSUE, AND IN FACT STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS
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FORBADE CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT ALL TO RALLIES IN NST TOWN.

WELL-ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATIONS COULD INDICATE THAT NEW FORCE MIGHT
DO A BIT BETTER, SINCE IT BACKED BY STUDENT GROUPS. FACT
THAT DEMONSTRATORS CAME FROM OUTLYING DISTRICTS AS WELL AND
ORGANIZED PROFESSIONALLY COULD MEAN THAT 1 OR 2 SOCIALISTS FROM
CPT AREAS COULD ALSO GET ELECTED. (SEE NOVEMBER 18 SONGKHLA
MEMCON WITH SENIOR DEM POLITICIAN IN NST IN WHICH HE NOTES
AT BEGINNING OF CAMPAIGN THAT SOCIALISTS HAD SENT DOWN SHARP YOUNG
CANDIBATES TO WORK IN WESTERN AREAS OF PROVINCE).
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